

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CH, VS

SUBJECT: PARACEL ISLANDS DISPUTE, SPRATLEY CLAIMS

REF: A) PARIS 2298

B) STATE 015405

EMBASSY POSITION REPORTED REFTEL A, PARA 4 IS CORRECT.  
USG TAKES NO POSITION ON SOVEREIGNTY OF EITHER PARACELS  
OR SPRATLEYS. (REFTEL B, PARA 2). EMBASSY, IN CONVERSA-  
TIONS WITH GOF, MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, DRAW ON REFTEL B,  
EXCEPT FINAL PHRASE PARA 3. IT IS NOW OUR UNDERSTANDING  
THAT PHILIPPINES DO NOT CLAIM PARACELS BUT ONLY CERTAIN  
ISLANDS OF THE SPRATLEY GROUP. KISSINGER

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## Message Attributes

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